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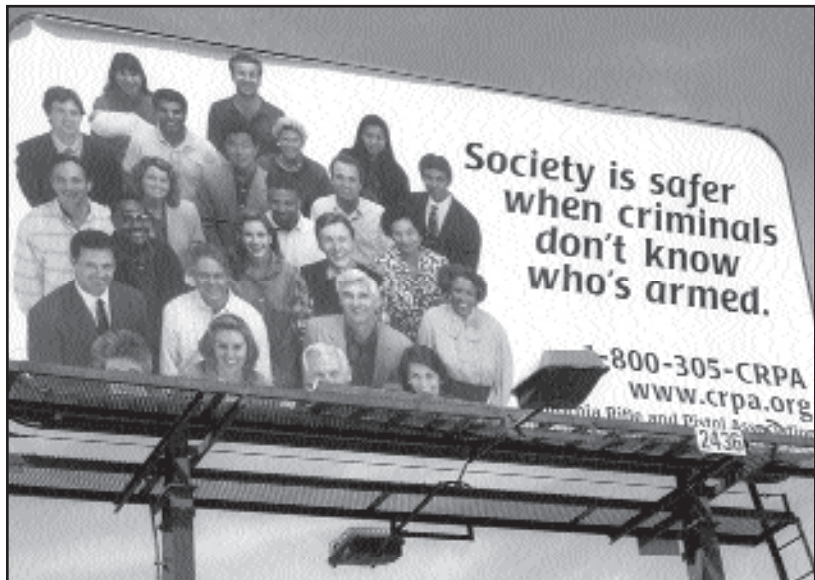
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The California Rifle and Pistol Association raises the issue of safety.

## Billboards define “safety”

■ **WEAPONS:** 300 advertisements placed around Southern California promote gun sales to the public

By JAMES REYNOSA  
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Touting the slogan “Society is Safer When Criminals Don’t Know Who’s Armed,” the California Rifle and Pistol Association rented 300 billboards across the Golden State to advertise its belief that an armed populace is a safe populace.

The association also believes the recent terrorist attacks in New York and Washington D.C. shows how vulnerable Americans are and that they need to be armed.

“The billboards present a simple message, in the hands of law-abiding citizens guns are a deterrent to crime,” said Chuck Michel, lawyer and CRPA spokesperson. “Guns are used five times more often to save a life than the times misused to take one. And in the 40 states that have liberalized the issuance of concealed firearm permits, crime is way down. In short, guns save lives.”

Judging by a run of guns statewide, the CRPA’s campaign could find a receptive audience.

State Department of Justice officials

said Friday that the number of people buying guns jumped more than 50 percent the week after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. After the quick surge, sales have remained about 32 percent higher than the previous year.

Although backers of the billboard campaign stress that they planned their advertising during the summer, the Sept. 11 attacks accented their point.

“We looked at these things and thought about whether the message is still applicable, and decided it was truer than ever,” Michel said.

The billboards, which started going up Oct. 1, feature a photo of about 20 multiethnic people smiling with the slogan: “Society is safer in when criminals

don’t know who’s armed.”

Michel declined to divulge how much the group is spending, but said the campaign would cost “somewhere in the six figures.”

“In light of what happened in New York City, people have stopped taking for granted their own security,” Michel said.

The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence doesn’t agree with CRPA’s slogan. Its chairperson Sarah Brady believes tighter gun laws are needed in order to prevent terrorism and to strengthen national security.

“We know from recent terrorism

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### The O’Reilly Factor comes to OC



KATIE CUMPER/ Special to the Titan

O’Reilly declares a no-spin zone at the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda Thursday.

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## Author speaks at TSU

■ **GUEST:** It took a letter from writer Judy Blume for Michele Serros to let her ideas and creativity flow

By RICARDO SANCHEZ JR.  
Special to the Titan

Michele Serros is no stranger to telling stories.

As a child, her uncles and aunts use to pay her 25 cents for each devilishly revealing tale she told about her family. Now as a successful writer and poet, Serros visited Cal State Fullerton Wednesday night, continuing her disclosing ways by sharing insightful tidbits of her life and reading many excerpts from her books, “Chicana Falsa” and “How to be a Chicana Role Model.”

The event, hosted by Student Affairs, The Women’s Center and Independent Latino Student Association, attracted more than 300 people. Many students had never heard of the 30-something writer before Wednesday, and she made light of the situation.

“How many people know who I am?” she asked the crowd as only a few raised their hands. “Oh, that’s good. I don’t know you either.” The audience laughed for the first time but it wouldn’t be the last.

Serros grew up in Oxnard, Calif., and began writing as a way to escape her family problems. But what gave her the ultimate motivation was a letter she received from author Judy Blume when she was 11-years-old.

“You may want to keep a journal and write down what you are thinking and feeling,” Blume wrote.

This was a stark contrast to what she learned as a child – to hold in her

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## AS president gets his hour of power on internet

■ **CAMPUS:** Alex Lopez plans to discuss a variety of social issues during his 60-minute segment



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Cal State Fullerton’s student president welcomes the campus to the 21st century.

Combining relatively new technology with a talk show format, Alex Lopez is the first Associated Students executive president with his own Internet radio show.

The groundbreaking media outlet

debuted Oct. 10 and allowed him to address concerns regarding the campus and world related issues. Because the radio show is broadcast over the Internet, it can potentially be heard live from anywhere in the world.

“The purpose of the ASI show is basically so that you [students] have the opportunity to go ahead and give me a phone call, and I can answer questions on what’s going on with the campus,” Lopez said.

The show airs every Wednesday at 5 p.m. for one hour.

“It is a good idea because it’s a great way to let other members of our community know that students care, and that we are willing to do something about the issues and concerns,” Lopez said.

Each week, he schedules various guest speakers to talk about issues ranging from parking to social stereotypes to his mission and goals as AS president.

“Since we already broadcast conver-

sations with President Milton Gordon and special guests, I figure a show like Dr. Gordon’s, but with the AS president, would be good programming for TIR [Titan Internet Radio],” said Sammy Kamler, TIR program director.

Although the show is new, Kamler said he has high hopes for it.

Kamler suggests guests and show ideas to Lopez, who ultimately books the guests.

Wednesday, Lopez invited Pi Kappa Phi president Mark El-Hinn, who discussed why students join fraternities.

“The number one reason why people join a fraternity is to get to meet people,” El-Hinn said. “That’s the first initial step.

“Secondly, I believe the social aspects come into play,” El-Hinn added. “Lastly, I would think that when you join, you start meeting everybody, and work on the networking skills [and] on just becoming a leader in your fraternity

and campus.”

Lopez, who is a member of Pi Kappa Phi, also talked about the stereotypes surrounding the Greek organizations.

“I know there’s a lot of stereotypes out there regarding the Greek system and the fraternities,” Brian said. “One of them is a lot of drinking.”

During the discussion someone made a prank call. Identifying himself only as Brian, he used a cartoon voice to ask Lopez and El-Hinn several questions while trying to stifle his laughter.

“I’m thinking of possibly joining a fraternity,” Brian said. “I heard that the Pi Kappas sodomize their pledges as part of a fraternity initiation. Is that true or false?”

Keeping his composure, El-Hinn asked listeners not to make prank calls.

“It’s false,” El-Hinn said. “I expect you to respect our wishes in asking actual questions and not calling in and making a mockery of this.”

The prank caller was only one of about 20 people who listened to the show Wednesday, Kamler said. For most students the president’s show is unknown.

“I know who Alex is but I never knew he had a radio show,” said Daniel Cisneros, a junior organizational management major.

Some students didn’t even know that TIR existed.

“I didn’t know that we even had an Internet radio station,” said freshman Arian Rock.

Rock said he’s interested in listening to Lopez’s show and hopes the president “addresses issues that affects the times.”

The radio show is broadcast online at [tir.fullerton.edu](http://tir.fullerton.edu). During the shows, listeners can call Lopez at (714) 278-5516.



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A GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING

BRIEFS

National Science Foundation Fellowships announced

The National Science Foundation will award around 900 new graduate research fellowships, including awards for women in engineering and computer and information science. The fellowships are awarded for graduate study leading to a researched-based master's or doctoral degree in the fields of science, mathematics and engineering sponsored by the foundation.

Applicants must be citizens or permanent resident aliens of the United States at the time of application.

Each three-year fellowship provides a stipend of \$20,500 for 12-month tenures, and a cost-of-education allowance of \$10,500 per tenure year.

The deadline for applying for the fellowship is Nov. 7. Awards will be announced in late March 2002. The NSF contracts with Oak Ridge Associated Universities to provide support services for the fellowship.

For additional information, contact the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, ORAU, P.O. Box 3010, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37831, or call (865) 241-4300.

The foundation welcomes applicants from all qualified science, math or engineering students.

Auditions to be held for production of "Godspell"

College students and young adults are invited to audition for a spring production of "Godspell" on Sunday, Oct. 28 at 3 p.m. and Monday, Oct. 29 at 4 p.m.

Auditions for all parts will be

held in the Fellowship Hall at the University United Methodist Church, located at 18422 Culver Dr. in Irvine. It is on the corner of Culver and University Drives.

Those who are interested in a solo part should prepare a song. Participants will be asked to read from materials that will be provided. Anyone interested in signing up to be a production crewmember should contact Lynn Munson at (949) 786-8354 or umf@uci.edu for more information.

CSU presents 4th annual Quality Improvement Symposium and Expo

On Friday, Nov. 2, at the Marriott Los Angeles, the California State University's fourth annual Quality Improvement Symposium and Expo will highlight some of the CSU achievements using established programs and tools. The daylong event will present the latest in quality improvement services.

The event will also have "2001: A Quality Odyssey," featuring exhibits from numerous CSU campuses where improvement programs were successfully implemented.

The keynote speaker is Mark Graham Brown, an independent consultant on improving organizational performance. In addition, vendors and other focus organizations will present the latest in programs and services. Learning sessions, which range from "The Quality Toolbox—Putting It All Together," to "Integrating QI with Accountability, Accreditation and Outcomes," are scheduled for participants.

For registration information, call Dolores Basillio at (562) 951-4552 or e-mail at dbasillio@castate.edu.

Community-

The eighth annual "John R. Wooden Classic" will take place on Dec. 8, but tickets go on sale Oct. 21. The event includes two basketball games: University of Arizona vs. Purdue University, and UCLA vs. University of Alabama. Tickets range in price and will be sold at all Ticketmaster locations for the event at the Arrowhead Pond. For more information, visit [www.wooden-classic.com](http://www.wooden-classic.com).

Anaheim will hold their "Fall Festival and Street Fair" on Oct. 27. The street fest will take place from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. with a "Rocktoberfest" starting at 3 p.m. Admission and parking are free and will be located at Center Street Promenade and Lemon Street.

The "American Heart Association 21st Annual Heart Walk" will be held on Oct. 28 at 9 a.m. It will be held at the Irvine Spectrum and presented by the American Heart Association. For more information, call (714) 531-1829.

The Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association presents their second annual "Walk to D'Feet ALS" on Oct. 20. The Orange County chapter of the association is extending an invitation for the public to join in raising money to find a cure for the disease. For more information, call (714) 938-1080.

A live music/comedy entitled "Ha Ha That Rocks" will be playing at The Roxy in Los Angeles on Nov. 13. Special

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guests including the Sklar Brothers, Trilambs and Metal Shop will be featured during the showcase. For more information, call (310) 276-2222.

"A Shower of Brilliance: Leo Fender and his Electric Guitars" will be at the Fullerton Museum Center on display through January 2003. Visitors will be able to see how Leo Fender had an influence on the music industry. For more information, call (714) 738-6545.-

"Jekyll and Hyde" will be performed at Fullerton's Plummer Auditorium Oct. 12 to 28. The event is sponsored by the Fullerton Civic Light Opera. For more information or tickets, call (714) 879-1732.

"Family Night Spooktacular" will be held in Brea on Oct. 26 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It is held at the Community Center and tickets are limited. The event includes dinner and "spider cider," a costume parade and a cakewalk. For more information, call (714) 990-7771.-

A class on exploring soy, a "Vegetarian Thanksgiving Feast" will be held Nov. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Brea Community Center. Tickets are \$30. For registration information, call (714) 990-7100.-

Campus

A free advance screening of "How High" is open to all CSUF students on Nov. 7. The movie featuring Method Man and Redman will be shown at AMC Theatres in Fullerton. For

more information, call (714) 278-3502.

On Nov. 3 Banu Gibson and The New Orleans Hot Jazz will perform at 8 p.m. The jazz singer is coming back to CSUF to entertain audiences with classic American songs from the 1920s and 1940s. For more information, visit [www.arts.fullerton.edu](http://www.arts.fullerton.edu).

The Los Angeles Capitol Ensemble will perform at the Performing Arts Center Recital Hall on Oct. 28 at 4 p.m. The will be playing Mozart's String Quartet and Dvorak's String Sextet. Tickets are \$8 or \$5 with advance Titan discount. For more information, call (714) 278-3371.

Associated Students is presenting mandatory budget meetings for all of those who plan on requesting funds from them anytime during 2002 to 2003. Meeting days are: Nov. 5 at 1:15 p.m. and Nov. 8 at 10 a.m. For more information, call (714) 278-3295.

An "Autumn Bird Watching Walkabout" will be held at the Arboretum on Oct. 20 at 8:30 a.m. Don Bauman will be giving a lecture on birds. The event costs \$7 or \$5 for member of Friends of the Fullerton Arboretum. For more information, call (714) 278-3579.-

A guitar master class will be held with John Duarte on Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. The class will be held in the Performing Arts room 117. Tickets are \$10 or \$5 with an advance Titan discount.

For more information, call (714) 278-3371.-

Cal State Fullerton's "Annual Convocation Address" will be held on Oct. 23 at 12:30 p.m. at the Titan Student Union Portola Pavillion. President Milton Gordon will present the event. For more information, call (714) 278-3456.-

A piano master class with Eduardo Delgado will be held on Oct. 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center Recital Hall. Tickets are \$10 or \$5 with Titan discount. For more information, call (714) 278-3371.-

A lecture series focusing on the conflict between the Israeli and Palestinian Arabs will be held on alternate Thursdays through Dec. 6. It will be held in the Mackey Auditorium in the Ruby Gerontology Center and is free to the public. For more information, call (714) 278-2414.-

"How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," a musical about a young window washer who becomes the head of a company by following the advice of a book, will be at the Little Theatre Oct. 19 to 28. Show times vary and tickets are \$13 to \$16. For more information, call (714) 278-3371.-

"Objects Extraordinaires: Awakening the Sense of Wonder" is on display at the Pollak Library Atrium Gallery through Dec. 20. Unique natural objects and manmade works from the past century are on display. For more informa-

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# O'Reilly promotes book

■COMMUNITY:  
Conservative speaker talks about his political talk show at the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda

By KIMBERLY PIERCEALL  
Daily Titan Staff Writer

Peering through a glass wall etched with a world map, several VIPs and employees of the Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace glanced right and left to catch Bill O'Reilly live and in person, and Bill O'Reilly delayed 5 seconds on television.

Be prepared to enter the no spin zone.

With a piece of the Berlin Wall standing behind the television and a room filled with life-size world leaders' statues, it was the temporary zone for the set of "The O'Reilly Factor" – a political talk show on the Fox News Channel.

O'Reilly—the primary factor on his television show—spoke to a crowd of 700 people yesterday in the Pat Nixon Amphitheater at the Richard Nixon Library in Yorba Linda. O'Reilly said Orange County was the last leg of his tour of California to promote his new book, "The No Spin Zone: Confrontations With the Powerful and Famous in America."

O'Reilly didn't encounter any confrontations while speaking or signing books. After calling Eleanor Roosevelt a "loon wife" and labeling the entire city of Berkeley "the lunatic fringe," laughter emanated from the audience.

O'Reilly spared no words to describe anti-war activists.

"They're pinheads," he said. The headline for the news segment about anti-war protestors in Washington D.C. read, "The Dissenters."

But he respects their opinion, he said.

Broadcast three times a day, six days a week, the show is filled with frank opinion.

During the taping and a discussion on the House's shutdown for the anthrax scare, O'Reilly caught representative Anthony Weiner (D-NY) in the no spin zone. Weiner said he thought the closure was valid. O'Reilly pointed out that Weiner's friend and mentor, Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY), said the House was wrong for shutting down because of the anthrax scare.

"Senator Schumer is always right," Weiner said.

And O'Reilly verbally jumped on him.

"This is the no spin zone," he said, "Schumer said you were wrong and you just said Schumer is always right – does that make you wrong?"

O'Reilly fans paid \$30 for a seat (\$20 if they wanted to stand in the

back) and \$24.95 for copies of his book. The crowd was primarily made up of conservatives, said Arianna Barrios-Lochrie the library's communications director.

She said O'Reilly has a more diverse base of fans compared to other talk show hosts like Rush Limbaugh. "He does a conservative show, but he's very pragmatic," she said.

Patrick and Daniel McFawn, 16-year-old identical twins from Yorba Linda, each held O'Reilly's book as they waited in line for an autograph. The confrontation and political debates have kept them tuning into "The O'Reilly Factor" for over a year, they said.

"Spin is a twist on a story," Daniel said, and he mentioned anthrax scare exaggerations as an example.

The issues debated in the book stray from partisanship. In one chapter he debated George W. Bush about the death penalty and in another he squared off with Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY). Sen. John McCain(R-Ariz.) became O'Reilly's "opponent" in the chapter on America's drug culture.

"I wish Tony Blair could give Dubbya's speeches for him," O'Reilly said during his talk.

But Blair wouldn't want to interrupt O'Reilly.

As O'Reilly told his guests via satellite during yesterday's taping, "Let me be the boorish, obnoxious interrupter," he said.



Fans paid \$30 to see O'Reilly speak at the Nixon Library. After his lecture, O'Reilly signed copies of his new book.

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# Feinstein proposes reform, INS takes part in crackdown

■LEGISLATION:  
The program will now require foreign exchange student to approval from INS

By PATRICIA RODRIGUES  
Daily Titan Staff Writer

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) recently announced a proposal to reform the foreign student visa program.

The program, "is one of the most unregulated and exploited visa categories,"-she said.

Between 1999 and 2000, the State Department issued 3,370 visas to students from nations on the United States' terrorism watch list, according to Feinstein's Web site.

The new foreign student visa program will require prospective students to submit visa applications to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for approval before the State Department issues a visa.-

This process would include an extensive background check on all applicants.

"I'm not interested in training someone from Iraq in nuclear sciences to go back and head the Iraqi nuclear program...to go back and be the head of Hamas," Feinstein told the Orange County Register.-

"This has happened."

Schools will be required to report to INS on a quarterly basis the student's academic status, including the type of courses taken.

"I think there's some reasonable measures in that proposal which would not be a huge burden to imple-

ment," said Bob Ericksen, director of the International Education and Exchange.

INS will be required to update its electronic data system to include biometric data (fingerprints and photographs), data on spouses and children, and to share the data with inspection stations at U.S. ports of entry, U.S. consular offices and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I have very little confidence in the immigration service to perfect such a system because it's such a very large bureaucracy and there's so many students," Ericksen said.

I N S Commissioner James Ziglar made a statement to the Senate Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism and Government Information on Oct 12.

"Today, the INS maintains limited records on foreign students and is able to access that information on demand," Ziglar said.

"However, the information is [based] on old technology platforms that are insufficient for today's need for rapid access," he continued.

"That is why we are moving forward the Student Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS).

"Objections, primarily by the academic establishment, have delayed

its development and deployment.

However, with the events of Sept. 11 that objection has virtually disappeared," Ziglar said.

These updates will undoubtedly cause delays for students trying to come to the United States. to study.

"There's no doubt that the visa application process is going to be much more challenging for students and certainly that's going to result in fewer visas being issued," Ericksen said.

Nevertheless, no matter how hard the process gets, there will always be students wanting to study in the United States.

"My goal was to study in the U.S.," said Theeranuch Luangsuvimol, an MBA student from Thailand.

"If I'd been rejected I'd go to Australia or England but an MBA in the U.S. is the best place to study," she said.

Requirements for extensive background checks don't seem to deter foreign students either.

"It's okay if they screen because it makes this country safer because terrorists also come on an F-1 visa, just like I did," Luangsuvimol said.

—Bob Ericksen,  
Director of International  
Education and Exchange

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# Recycling plan changes

■ENVIRONMENT:  
Instead of separating trash on campus, the waste will be sorted by outside company

By YVONNE KLOPPING  
Daily Titan Staff Writer

Over the past decades, people have been urged to recycle cans, plastic bottles, newspapers and glass to prevent pollution.

A new law implemented by the state, AB75, the Integrated Waste Management Program, requires college campuses to reduce waste by 25 percent in 2002 and by 50 percent in 2004.

Because of the new law, Cal State Fullerton started a new recycling program in July to simplify the recycling effort on campus and to increase the percentage of recyclable materials. There are no penalties if the campus doesn't meet the requirement, but there could be a budget reduction.

In the past, students, faculty and staff could separate their own trash by sorting out aluminum, paper, plastic and glass into recycling boxes.

The trash was taken directly to a landfill before, but now all trash hauled from the campus is taken to

a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) where it is mechanically and manually sorted to separate the maximum amount for recycling and the minimum for landfill.

No more separation on campus is needed.

Everything goes into the same trashcan.

The demand from the state to reduce the waste "can be a combination of recycling and not making as much waste, which is the other part of reduce, reuse and recycle," said H.B. Hall, assistant director of the Physical Plant.

She said not many people participated in the previous recycle program and the program was difficult to control and to maintain.

The Titan Student Union, which is its own non-profit organization, does not share the waste disposal with the rest of the campus. They have tried various recycling methods over the past years and they too have started a program this summer that is similar to the states' program.

The prior procedure was a separation program using recycling containers throughout the TSU.

At the beginning of last spring semester, 11 20-gallon capacity recycling centers with four openings were put up in the TSU, Kurt Borsting, director of the TSU said.

The four different compartments separated plastic, paper, glass and

cans.

The recycling containers were emptied into separate containers on the dock to store the material until the company picked it up.

Letting the waste sit over time created sanitation and pest control issues.

"If you have a little soda pop left in your Pepsi can, those things attract bugs," Borsting said.

Although many people contributed to the recycling effort, there were always some people who threw the paper with the aluminum.

"Somebody would come along and take what's left of their lunch and put it in with the aluminum cans or plastic bottles," Borsting said. "Then we had some contamination in the separation bins."

Borsting said the new program, where the trash is manually sorted at a MRF, has some advantages.

The TSU is diverting more waste now, because the entire trash is picked up and sorted and it is more cost effective.

Wendy Wiesner, corporate communications at the Material Resource Recycle Facility of Taormina Industries, explained the process of sorting out recyclables.

Once the trash arrives at the MRF, it is dropped on a large floor called the tipping floor. Then it is pushed onto a conveyor. Recyclables travel up a conveyor belt where the process of sort-



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Recyclables that once caused a hassle at CSUF is now sorted by machines.

ing begins. The recyclables are moved through processing stations and then sorted and dropped into separate bins. Magnets grab steel cans and pull them out while on the conveyor belt. Some of these automated conveyers carry recyclables to workers.

Wiesner said there are about 200 employees at their facility who sort the material by size and type.

When all the recyclables are sorted from the waste, they are prepared for shipment. They are sent to recycling mills, where they can be recycled into new products.

After everything has been recycled out by weight, the company reports back to CSUF what percentage of waste has been recycled, Hall said.

She said she prefers the new pro-

gram, because the entire trash the campus produces is being sorted now.

"Not just those people contribute who feel like putting in something [in the recycle bins]," Hall said. "Everything is being sorted."

Hall also said she thinks the program is economical, because it creates more jobs for people who otherwise



# Bill puts stop to unwanted phone solicitations

■PRIVACY: For \$3, consumers will be able to block their numbers from the lists of telemarketers

By JENNIFER MIZZELL  
Special to the Titan

Students may now have an effective way of avoiding unwanted telephone solicitation due to a senate bill that allows people to place their name on a "Do Not Call" list.

Senate Bill 771, introduced by Sen. Liz Figueroa and Assemblyperson John Campbell, was signed by Gov.

Gray Davis on Oct. 10, and will go into effect no later than Jan. 1, 2003.

The bill will allow consumers the option of having their names placed on a list that will be distributed to solicitors, indicating that they do not wish to receive telemarketing calls.

People will pay no more than \$1 for three years to have their name placed on the list.

Solicitors who call individuals within California will be forced to purchase the list.

Consumers wishing to be included on the list will also have the option of receiving calls from specific charitable organizations and businesses.

Political calls, as well as contact from small businesses calling within

their local area will also be exempted from the list.

If a person whose name appears on the list receives an unwanted call, the individual can be awarded up to \$500 for the first violation and \$1,000 for following violations.

Legislators are working to link the bill with Article 1 Section 1 of the California Constitution, providing Californians with an extensive right to privacy, which has been a precedent setting in cases surrounding privacy of the home.

According to Figueroa, the list will benefit businesses as well as consumers.

"'Do Not Call' lists are a 'win-win' [situation] for both consumers and businesses," Figueroa said. "Businesses will not squander over-

head and goodwill on those individuals who are not going to respond positively to unsolicited calls."

Cal State Fullerton psychology major Adrianna Cordova acknowledged that the list would help cut down unwanted calls.

"I would go for that," she said. "I mean, it's annoying when the same person will call three days in a row at the same time asking the same question. Paying one dollar would definitely be worth it to me."

Nevertheless, marketing professor Sue Callahan said the bill will be received negatively by soliciting organizations.

"Even if consumers are not interested in their products when they place the first telemarketing call, it is possible that they will have a need

for it somewhere down the line," she said. "Telemarketers rely on making calls continually."

Callahan also contends that the number of consumers who will apply to be placed on the list will be insignificant.

"History tells us that the percentage of consumers who will actually act upon this will more than likely be small," she said. "Consumers can currently directly request that companies do not call them."

"Consumers now have call blocking, caller ID, etc. so they don't have to take these calls," Callahan said.

SB 771 is modeled after various other states including New York, Texas and Louisiana, who also support a state-managed "Do Not Call" list.

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# Government seeks anthrax distribu-

■**REWARD:** Officials offer money for the capture of those responsible for the spread of the bacteria

By MARTIN MERZER, JAMES KUHNHENN AND MAUREEN FAN Knight Ridder Newspapers

Federal officials offered a \$1 million reward Thursday to capture whoever is spreading anthrax germs, but biological terrorism still chilled the nation as scientists confirmed two more anthrax infections and investigated three other possible cases.

The new victims were identified as an assistant to anchor Dan Rather at CBS News - the fourth media company struck by the often lethal bacteria - and a female letter carrier in a New Jersey post office, where at least two anthrax-tainted letters were postmarked.

Both patients have skin anthrax, which is relatively easy to cure, and are recovering, officials said. They are the fifth and sixth people to contract the extremely rare disease this month.

In Washington, the nation's highest ranking law enforcement officials announced a \$1 million reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for bio-terrorism.

"We are treating every instance around the country as a serious crime, and we will not relent," FBI Director Robert Mueller said.

Federal officials and others worked mightily throughout the day to reassure Americans that the threat to any individual was negligible.

"We are not experiencing a national outbreak of anthrax," said Dr. Julie Gerberding of the Atlanta-based U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Most people do not have something to worry about."

Said Tom Ridge, federal homeland security director: "The American people can have confidence that their government is working around the clock to protect them."

Diagnosed with an anthrax skin infection on her cheek, the assistant to Rather was treated with antibiotics, said CBS News President Andrew Heyward, who expressed confidence the anthrax had been contained. She is expected to make a full recovery.

The company declined to release her name, but said she handled mail for Rather's office. She has not missed a day of work and was on the job Thursday, according to Rather, who said he and his staff would remain "resolute."

"Our biggest problem today is not anthrax," he said. "Our biggest problem is fear."

Still, as Americans labored to keep the threat in perspective, a seemingly

nonstop series of warnings and disturbing events left many people on edge:

-Acting New Jersey Gov. Donald DiFrancesco said another postal worker at the post office in Hamilton Township, near Trenton, might have been exposed to anthrax and is awaiting test results.

Letters contaminated by anthrax passed through that post office before being delivered to the offices of NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw and Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle.

"We are doing everything we can to protect the health and safety of the public," DiFrancesco said.

-At least two more cases are being analyzed and "are in large part linked to the Florida and New York situations," said Gerberding, the CDC official.

In addition to the patients identified Thursday, anthrax has struck one employee of NBC News in New York, the child of an employee of ABC News in New York, and a photo editor and a mailroom employee at a tabloid publisher in Boca Raton, Fla. The photo editor died; the others are recovering.

"We do have other individuals who are reporting skin lesions or exposure circumstances that are under active investigation," Gerberding said. "We are working around the clock to confirm or rule out" anthrax infections.

-Federal epidemiologists asked every doctor and nurse in the country to be alert for anthrax, plague, botulism, smallpox and deadly viruses like Ebola that could be sowed by terrorists.

"Cases of anthrax in Florida and New York City have demonstrated the risks associated with intentional release of biologic agents," the CDC said in a rare, immediate warning published in a weekly bulletin.

-Sixty passengers, crew members and other people who came into contact Monday night with a Northwest Airlines flight from Detroit to Burlington, Vt., were advised to take precautionary antibiotics after a suspicious substance was found on the plane.

Initial tests of the powdery substance revealed a bacteria similar to anthrax. "This bacteria growth means that the substance could be anthrax," said Vermont Health Commissioner Jan Carney. "We believe that is possible, but unlikely."

Many initial tests have yielded positive results that later prove to be false.

-The Postal Service plans to send precautionary advisories to every address in the nation. The post cards will illustrate markings on arriving mail that might be considered suspicious.

"My message to the American public is: Remain calm. Be vigilant. Be aware of what you get in

the mail," Postmaster General John Potter said.

Some good news surfaced in Washington, where federal officials reported that no additional workers on Capitol Hill tested positive for exposure to anthrax. On Wednesday, 26 Senate aides and five police officers were told that they had been exposed - though none of them have developed the disease.

Deputy Surgeon General Kenneth Moritsugu based his latest update on preliminary results from 600 of 1,400 nose swabs conducted Tuesday. Scientists were still analyzing the remainder.

The House of Representatives, the Library of Congress and most Senate offices were closed Thursday so environmental teams could inspect the entire complex - floors, mail-sorting equipment, even the air - for anthrax spores.

Some congressional leaders still smarted over confusion and criticism that engulfed Capitol Hill on Wednesday, when House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., decided to close the House for a long weekend to permit inspection.

The front page of the New York Post had a picture of Gephardt and Hastert above a single word: WIMPS.

# Anthrax scares CSUF

By TIFFANY POWELL Daily Titan Staff Writer

An incident regarding an unknown substance found in McCarthy Hall is currently under investigation.

The police report is undergoing changes and will not be released until Monday.

Police said at this time, the saturated white powdery substance has been destroyed.

"The bleach took care of any uncertainty," said Lt. Will Glen of Cal State Fullerton Police.

Police said that they do not believe this to be a deliberate act.

The Environmental Health and Instructional Safety will get in touch with those who may have come in direct contact with the substance and inform them of symptoms to look for.

"If in fact they have any symptoms they will then be sent to St. Jude's Hospital," Glen said.

Glen said that e-mail sites were sent out last week to the entire campus as a postmaster indicating symptoms to look for by Chief of Police Judi King.

In case of a bio-terrorist attack, the campus has prepared a response plan informing everyone of what to look for.

"I think that CSUF is as prepared as anyone else," Glen said. "I have checked around with other cities and many of them do not have anything in place yet."

*More follow up information will*

# Campus officials praise efficiency of evening fire

■**PRECAUTION:** In spite of a few minor malfunctions, the practice evacuation proved to be orderly

By HEATHER BAER Daily Titan Staff Writer

With the exception of a few malfunctioning alarms, campus officials are claiming that Wednesday evening's campus fire drill was a success.

The fire drill, which was scheduled to take place from 7 to 7:30 p.m., took a bit longer when some of the alarms set off for the drill could

not be turned off.

"We have five fire alarms which can be set off from dispatch," said Cal State Fullerton Police Chief Judi King. "When we were trying to turn them off we found that some of the buildings' alarms, including the Visual Arts Building and University Hall, were malfunctioning and could not be turned off from dispatch so we sent some electricians out to fix it."

King said some instructors called to complain about the drill, but only because it took longer than expected.

"We had some complaints because we couldn't turn off a few of the alarms and so we got calls that it was disruptive to the classes," she said.

Quentin Frazier, emergency preparedness coordinator, said that the fire drill went better than he expect-

ed.

"The reports that came back were so positive that I am beyond surprised; I am shocked and proud," Frazier said. "There weren't too many problems, we were aggressive in getting people to where they needed to go."

Frazier said there were some staff members who were there acting as observers to monitor the level of participation for the drill.

"Our observers were not there to tell people where to go, they were seeing how everything went, who participated, where people went when they exited the building and how smoothly everything was going," Frazier said. "We had a great amount of participation and I would like to say kudos to the faculty and

staff for all of their work."

King said the electricians were working on fixing the malfunctioning alarms Thursday and that the alarms should be finished soon.

King also explained how the fire drill was beneficial to the campus.

"Yes, we had some malfunctioning, but that was one of the purposes of the drill, if we would not have had the drill we might not have known that they would malfunction," King said. "However, because we are required to have these drills, we can find if there are any problems and fix them."

Frazier said one of the concerns from the fire drill is not only getting people out of a building, but keeping them away from it as well.

"When we evacuate a building



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# U.S. jets, gunship continue

■**WAR:** Airstrikes have eliminated Afghan jet fighters, surface-to-air missiles and most of its anti-craft artillery

By JONATHAN S. LANDAY  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The United States kept the Taliban militia and forces loyal to Osama bin Laden under intense attack Tuesday, hammering their positions across Afghanistan as part of a strategy to split the Taliban and isolate the terrorists.

Defense officials said four B-52s and almost 100 F-14 and F-18 strike aircraft conducted dozens of bombing runs against targets around Kabul and Kandahar, the southern city from which the Taliban supreme leader, Mullah Muhammad Omar, rules much of Afghanistan. The targets included military formations, barracks, vehicles and depots, as well as bases belonging to al-Qaida, the network of Islamic extremists directed from Afghanistan by bin Laden since 1996.

Also struck were Taliban positions around Mazar-e-Sharif, the largest city in northern Afghanistan. The fall of Mazar-e-Sharif would cut off Taliban forces

elsewhere in the north from their supply lines, putting the United Front, also known as the Northern Alliance, in a position to advance on other key areas.

“The essence of what we’re trying to do is destroy the al-Qaida terrorist infrastructure and those within the Taliban leadership that have made sure that they’re supported within their country,” Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Gregory Newbold said at a briefing.

Newbold said the “psychological effect” was intended to “convince the Taliban leadership that they have made an error, and their calculus someday will be that it’s in their best interest to see that.”

The fall of Mazar-e-Sharif could deepen the divisions between Omar and Taliban commanders unwilling to risk their lives for bin Laden. Most of the commanders are Pashtuns, the country’s largest ethnic group, who come from eastern and southern Afghanistan.

The U.S. strikes are also aimed at

encouraging tribal chiefs to desert Omar. The Taliban leader has refused U.S. demands to surrender bin Laden and his cohorts.

Newbold indicated that U.S. aircraft had also begun hitting Taliban front lines protecting Kabul, saying “none of them are immune in any way.”

“We are striking al-Qaida and Taliban military positions around Kabul, including those that protect the capital,” he said.

Newbold’s comments appeared to signal a change in policy by the Bush administration. Until now it had declined to help the anti-Taliban United Front outside of Kabul, in deference to Pakistan.

Pakistan, which has a large Pashtun minority, does not want the United Front to move on Kabul before an agree-

ment is reached on the formation of a post-Taliban government dominated by Pashtuns.

United Front forces have been bottled up on the Shomali plain, about 35 miles north of Kabul.

According to a senior U.S. official, who spoke on condition he not be identified, the air campaign has eliminated all the Afghan regime’s jet fighters and surface-to-air missiles and much of their anti-aircraft artillery and radar, although the official noted that the radar could be easily rebuilt.

Newbold confirmed that AC-130 gunships were being used in Afghanistan. The low-flying transport planes are fitted with cannons that concentrate devastating storms of high explosives at their targets. They usually operate at night in conjunction with commandos on the ground.

The AC-130 was being used against the Taliban military units around Kandahar, which U.S. intelligence analysts believe are among the best the Taliban have, the senior official said.

U.S. intelligence analysts and military commanders believe bin Laden himself has been on the move almost constantly, shifting from one underground facility to another. They say that is a sign he is feeling the pressure of the air strikes and of some Taliban leaders who are turning against him.

None of them  
are immune in  
any way.

—Lt. Gen. Gregory Newbold,  
Marine Corps

## GUNS

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investigations that these dangerous criminals will exploit any opening in our laws to buy weapons, including firearms,” Brady said in a statement. “In some cases they have gone to gun shows and bought firearms and ammunition from unlicensed sellers who were not required to conduct criminal background checks.”

According to state officials, about 9,200 people a week have been buying guns since the Sept. 11 attacks, up from an average of 6,950 for the same period in 2000.

Still, that remains far below 11,500

people who sought to buy guns the week after the 1992 Los Angeles riots, said Michael Van Winkle, a Justice Department spokesperson.

“We haven’t talked to enough people to attribute the increase to the terrorist attacks,” Van Winkle said.

But to gun dealers, many customers are being clear. They are arming themselves out of fear.

“There are a lot of people concerned about the possibility of civil unrest and the possibility of having to be on your own for a while,” said Donell Johnson, owner of Heritage Sights in Whittier where sales are running 50 percent to 70 percent above normal for this time of year.

Some gun-control advocates dis-

missed the campaign as opportunistic.

“It’s a rather disgusting attempt to wrap themselves in the flag,” said Luis Tolley, western director for the Brady Campaign. “This is going to backfire on them and be seen as a pretty cheap attempt to score points. The last thing people want is to have to worry about whether the guy next to them at a UCLA game is carrying a gun.”

There will be about 150 of the billboards in Los Angeles and Orange counties, 50 in San Diego and Sacramento counties and 50 scattered between Sacramento and Bakersfield.



## SPEAKER

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emotions, Serros said. She keeps the letter posted on her wall.

When Serros entered college, every writing class she took told her to write about what she knew.

She knew about the Chicana lifestyle, growing up in La Colonia – another word for barrio – in Oxnard. But every time she wrote on that subject, her professors would say it was not universal enough. Getting back her story once with so many red marks, Serros said she thought the teacher had suffered a nosebleed on the paper.

“They would say, ‘You need to write a story that the average kid in Connecticut would understand,’” Serros said.

Conforming at first, Serros then stopped and contemplated, “Who is this kid in Connecticut anyway, and what the hell does he know?”

This is when Serros developed her unique style.

After spending nine years in community college, she transferred to UCLA where she received a degree in Chicano Studies/Literature and Arts.

Serros has since been named by Newsweek as “one of the top young women to watch for in the new century.”

She made the Los Angeles Times Best Seller List and her book

“Chicana Falsa,” became required reading in high schools and universities nationwide.

She was also selected by the Getty Research Institute and Poetry Society of America to have her poetry placed on Metro Transportation Authority buses throughout Los Angeles.

Creating a buzz, many left the forum excited and hungry for more about Serros as a long line formed outside Alvarado B in the Titan Student Union where she sold and signed many of her books.

“A teacher read a portion from her book in class, and I liked what she had to say, so I decided to come check her out,” said senior Spanish major Liz Ledesma who purchased a book.

“Some of the things she says remind you of your childhood and you can relate to it with your tias and tios and abuelitas, you know, tradition.”

Tradition is something Serros knows nothing and everything about. She is a fourth generation Mexican-American. She hardly speaks Spanish. But her stories captivated the mostly Latino crowd as they laughed and nodded, relating to her anecdotes.

“She was very funny,” said Chicano Studies Professor Dagoberto Fuentes. “She was capturing the essence of Chicano life.”

Ending the night with a quick story she thought everyone could relate to, she titled it, “Good Parking.”

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# Do not blame liberals



BY MICHAEL  
DEL MURO

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, any statement against the public viewpoint was lambasted as left-wing propaganda. Any statement that says there are reasons for this country being the target of terrorists became intolerable.

Those who spoke out against the popular “patriotic” sentiment were labeled as cowards, unpatriotic, communist, while one who flew an American flag on his car was called a hero.

These “patriots” attacked news editors and producers, accusing them of being liberals for not allowing their reporters to wear American flag pins on their shirts or jackets.

The public blasted any criticism of the president or this country in the days after the attacks and accused these people as a left-wing conspirators. And those who criticized were labeled communist.

The national security measures — phone taps, racial profiling, etc. — passed days after the attacks were labeled as necessary.

Peace protests throughout the country were attacked as being unpatriotic, the people as being weak. Anyone who spoke out against a war on terrorism was shot down emphatically by the majority of Americans.

Conservatives labeled the protesters as young left-wing college students trying to create another Vietnam.

Why is it that every time someone speaks up for peace, for equality, or against public opinion he or she is called a left-wing liberal?

What exactly is a liberal?

I have heard many different ways to define a liberal: a communist, a sissy, a tree-hugger, a naive individual, a pessimist or a dreaming optimist.

Ronald Reagan and George Bush created so much hysteria about liberals, about how they were trying to give away the country, that the word “liberal” became a terrible word.

Conservatives also like to call liberals “baby killers.” They like to blame liberals for keeping abortion legal.

I’d like to define a liberal in a different way. I see a liberal as someone who is hopeful, someone who sees the way things are going and says, “This is wrong, something must be done.”

A liberal is someone who sees the government not as big brother, like the conservative ideology sees it, but as a helping hand. Liberals see that government can help those who are in need.

A liberal wants change. A liberal is not afraid to criticize. Sitting around watching the reinforcement of society’s status quo does not satisfy a liberal.

I am a liberal. I am proud to say it. I try to be quite progressive. I want change. I want peace. Those who are against me can call me whatever they want. It is OK. A liberal says people should have the right to say what is on their minds.

The Sept. 11 attacks were a terrible tragedy. That day was one of the worst days in U.S. history.

But do I believe our country’s leaders provoked it? Maybe.

Is it our stance on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict? Perhaps.

Was the attacked provoked by the creeping Westernization of the Middle East? Most definitely.

Am I a liberal for thinking this? Or am I just ready to accept the truth?

Conservatives, especially those in the military, say that they are the only ones who know what the “real world” is like.

They like to claim that liberals are too lenient — too naive.

I do not want war.

The bombing in Afghanistan sickens me. We should not be so quick to go to war. War ought to be a last resort.

Our president waited a few weeks before he ordered the commencement of the attacks.

But like the conservatives before him, the president entered us into an unwinnable war.

I wished he would have listened to us liberals and tried peace for once.

# Can America go back to normal?



BY SAMANTHA  
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Managing  
Editor

President George W. Bush’s advice: Resume your normal lives.

On the weekend America initiated the first of many air strikes on Afghanistan, government officials also urged people to continue what they were doing. As the tally for anthrax infections rose to more than 30, the media quickly dispensed information about the bacteria. The after-note of each broadcast was the same — don’t panic, carry on, America.

Normal.

In that case, welcome back, Gary Condit. How are you feeling these days, Mariah? Congratulations on

that season premiere, “Friends”; you left the other shows eating your dust.

American nerves are sedated with heavy doses of self-praise. The nation is resilient, people said as they fought tears days after Sept. 11. The economy will move, Bush said, but the public has to help it flourish. Many nations have rallied to our side in this war against terrorism.

Truth of the matter is, there never was a “normal.” What American eyes see as normal is considered otherwise for those outside its culture. The way we extol our celebrities, for example, is beyond the understanding of some cultures.

In that we have ambivalent attitudes about sex, but less pressing ones on violence in television, is highly different from British attitudes. In Britain, it is actually the other way around — video game imports from Japan, for example, are actually edit-

ed for violent content before they make it to British store shelves. Our obsession with “thin” is somewhat baffling to Southeast Pacific cultures that see roundness as a sign of good health. The Japanese are less prone to marry, but are bewildered by the U.S. sky-high divorce rate.

But there exists yet another side of “normal” that strikes other countries as anomalies. Our sense of security is a luxury that many countries don’t share. Under the principle of freedom, reporters can disseminate news without the fear of death. America’s “poor” are fed by charities and the government. Some even have apartments.

The destitute in India flock around foreigners with the minuscule hope of being helped. Their own countrymen either share the same financial straits or just don’t want to give. America is bountiful when it comes

to expendable income. Where else would adolescent market niches be so important, and most profitable? Americans have the time to devote to self-improvement guides and higher education — and yet they get by without knowing the Preamble to the Constitution.

But America will never be the same again.

The baby-boomers willed their children complacency. All generations are now rocked by scares ranging from the threat of biological disease, to the awkward inexperience of 20-somethings deployed to fight a war.

Postal workers have something else to be afraid of other than the mean bulldog on their mail route. Jay Leno and David Letterman are hesitant to exercise the outrageousness of comedy. Even Saturday Night Live doesn’t dare push the envelope, telling Entertainment Weekly that it

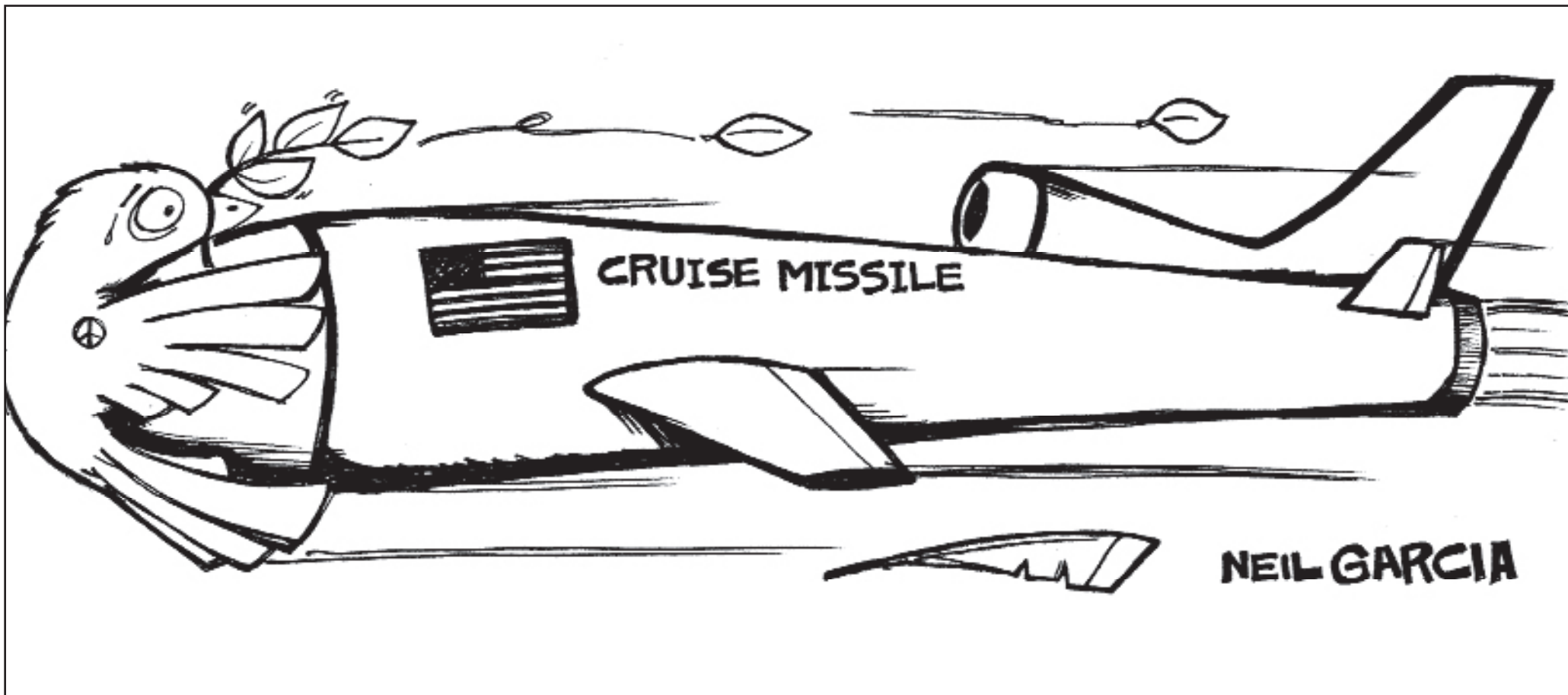
opts to “wait to see what Leno and Letterman do.” People don’t spend as much money as they used to. And if they do, they give that mighty dollar to the closest vendor for an American car flag or T-shirt.

Even more devastating is the subtle infringement on American rights. Muslims in America, and especially Middle Easterners, are afraid. Scrutinized, profiled and bullied, their American dream is shattered and shotgunned into jarring realities. They’ve fallen victim to the ignorant fury people mistake for patriotism.

Going back to normal wouldn’t be so hard if “normal” had ever existed. But it never did. It wasn’t the nation’s normalcy that was broken.

It was its comfort. It was peace of mind.

And piecing the broken shards together may be a greater task than we expected it to be.



## Be sure to not leave open drink unattend-



BY DARLEENE  
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Executive  
Editor

No matter how many rules you follow, no matter what you do, everything can still go wrong.

It was like any other Friday night. My sister and I first went to her favorite bar in Santa Monica to meet up with her friends. We then went to the Barfly on Sunset to meet up with my friend and go

dancing.

Knowing that my sister was with friends that I trusted, I went to the dance floor with my friend. But soon, her friend found me dancing, oblivious to what was happening off the dance floor, gesturing urgently.

“Darleene, your sister is nearly passed out, she can’t walk or sit by herself, she needs to go home — now!”

I was confused. First off, how could my sister already be drunk at 12:30 a.m.? Even when my sister had gotten very drunk in the past, she’d still be able to walk by herself, most definitely sit by herself.

So I followed my sister’s friend to the entrance, where my sister was sitting slouched, with the help of one of the bar’s bouncers. I rushed to her and pushed the surrounding people aside.

“What happened? What’s wrong?” I asked her frantically. “What did you drink? How much did you drink? Did someone put anything in your drinks?”

How prophetic that question was.

There was no way I could have known that my sister was drugged with Rohypnol, also known as roofies. They are also nicknamed the date rape drug.

But even if I had suspected she had been drugged, it still didn’t make sense to me. My sister follows all the rules — she always buys her own drinks, never drinks and drives, always has someone like myself or friends she trusts watching her back. She always keeps count of her drinks, and never leaves them alone.

However, at that moment, with my sister nearly falling onto the floor without my help to prop her up, I couldn’t contemplate any of the possible reasons for her apparent inebriation. I just had to get her out of there and home.

Getting home was not a problem. I got her car — and was cold sober by that time — and had the bouncers carry her out to her car.

But getting her from her car to her doorstep was another story. What was normally an easy one-minute walk

became a difficult 40-minute trek carrying what felt like a dead body. My sister could not walk by herself. Her limbs felt like dead weight. She kept falling against the walls while her friend and I kept trying to keep her from falling.

But that wasn’t the end of it. My sister’s friend and I still thought that my sister had drunk too much, so we thought we should give her water and food to make her feel better. But my sister could not chew and could not drink by herself. We literally had to pour the water down her throat.

She also could not go to the bathroom by herself. When we brought her to the restroom and left her to give her privacy, she passed out onto the floor next to the toilet with her pants around her knees.

The next morning, I had to leave early, but I was so worried about my sister — who was still passed out in her clothing at 10:30 a.m. — I checked her pulse.

Fortunately, I returned at around 2 p.m. to find her up and somewhat coherent. But she could not remember what had happened to her past 11 p.m. She didn’t throw up at all and didn’t feel hung over. In fact, she told me that she felt very off, almost drunk still.

My sister called her doctor and described her symptoms to him — a loss of motor coordination, a total blackout, no classic symptoms of heavy drinking like throwing up or a hangover the next morning. Her doctor told her that he was 90 percent sure she had been drugged with Rohypnol.

To be put in that situation, to not be able to remember 14 hours of your life which just happened the night before can make a person feel very helpless.

But my sister was lucky to have people like me watching over her, making sure that she didn’t end up going home with some stranger.

Even though this incident didn’t happen to me, it affected me deeply because it happened to my sister, whom I’m very close with. And to not be able to prosecute whoever did this to my sister makes me feel very helpless.

But I don’t have to be helpless. The only power I have is the power of my words.

My words to all females everywhere is to be careful. Don’t let strange men buy you drinks — alcohol may be expensive, but being able to maintain control is priceless. Don’t leave your drinks alone. Always keep someone you trust nearby. Even if you just drink water at a bar or club, always buy it bottled — it’s a lot harder to tamper with.

## Letters to the Editor

### National reaction to the war on terrorism

Providing “humanitarian” aid to our enemies is a moral outrage.- The cowards in Washington, D.C. need to take a lesson from the heroes of flight 93.- These men did not altruistically serve in-flight snacks to their hijackers.- They did something much more humane: they selfishly fought — one hundred percent — for the lives of innocent Americans.

Jennifer Kral  
Ohio

If you were concerned about devastating retaliation from terrorists, the anthrax scares are good news. They show the response to our fighting back is less, not more terrorism. Their tactics require our being cowed.

They had reason to believe that Black Tuesday would do that. After all, we had showed cowardice for years by appeasing terrorism. They felt they could start to go for the throat. Since Sept. 11, we’re still doing a lot of appeasing, but are also fighting back. So what do they do? They try to intimidate us again, but less boldly.

Their magic formula was to denounce and attack. It had worked for years. They chanted it louder and louder. But on September 11th, it didn’t work.

The Anthrax attacks are like their saying “Huh,” then chanting the formula again, but with a good measure of doubt.

It’s time we go for the throat.  
Christopher J Grace,  
Colorado

### Government should suppress Osama bin Laden and Bill Maher

Michael Del Muro has stated his opinion about the Osama bin Laden message and-ignored-the legitimate concern of the Bush administration regarding “secret messages.”

Osama’s organization has repeatedly demonstrated the capacity to enact terror using simple methods.-

It is unfortunate that the request to limit broadcasts is reactive to the Sept. 11th attacks and not a preventative measure.-

-Prior to the D-Day invasion-messages-like-“John has a long-mustache” were broadcast-to French resistance fighters.-The message told the resistance to-take pre-planned action-to disrupt German-Army operations.-

-What information leads Del Muro to the conclusion that-military action in Bosnia and Iraq-by U.S. forces was cowardly?-

Were you there Del Muro?-

I was stationed at Camp McGovern for seven months as part of IFOR and SFOR.- I can-assure you that-our actions-were-not cowardly!-

Since opinions are like asses, everyone has one, let me share mine.- You should-join the Army to see how it conducts itself and research your topic.-

After accomplishing these two things can you make statements based on fact.

David Coulson

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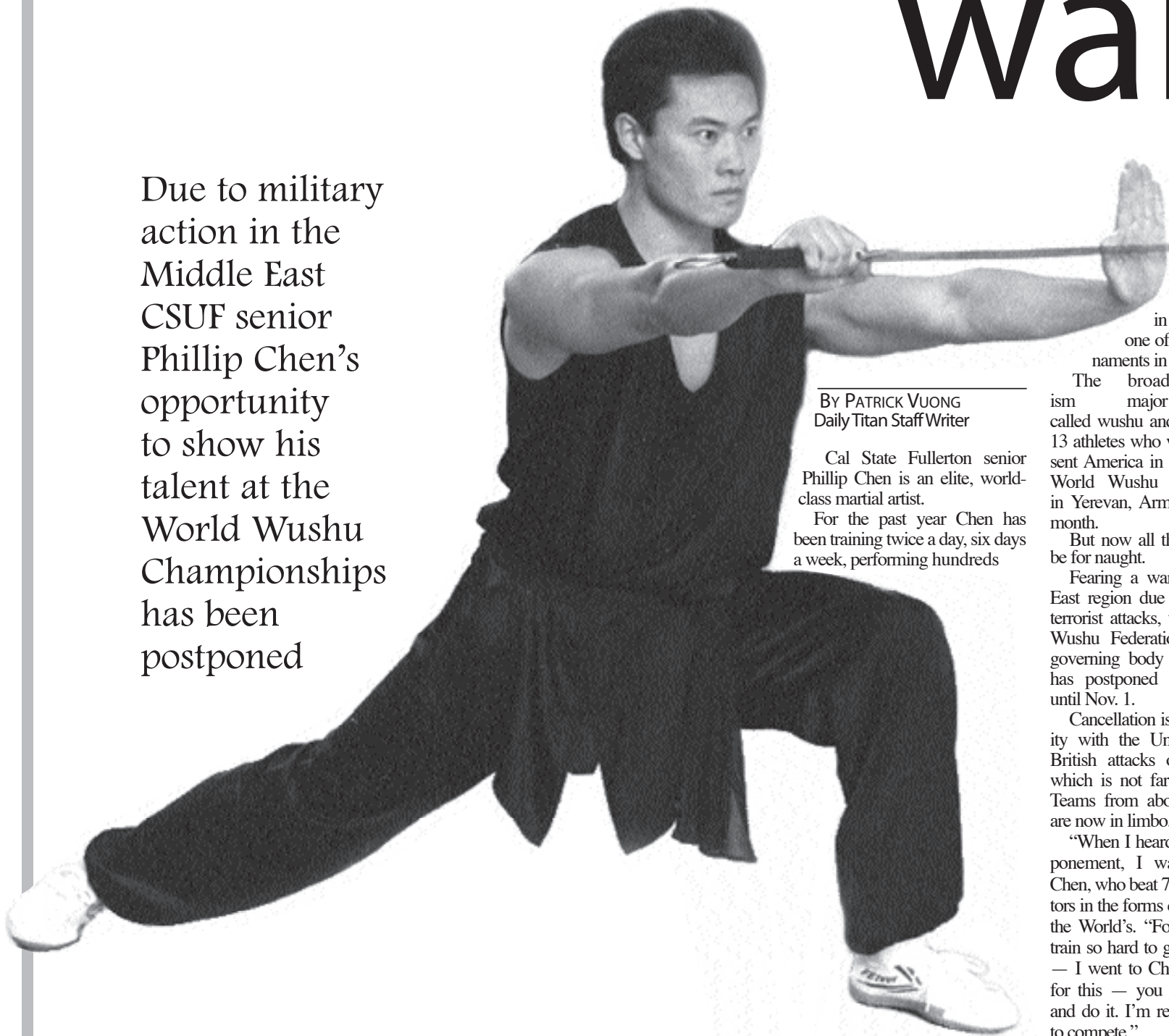
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# Wushu waits

Due to military action in the Middle East CSUF senior Phillip Chen's opportunity to show his talent at the World Wushu Championships has been postponed



BY PATRICK VUONG  
Daily Titan Staff Writer

Cal State Fullerton senior Phillip Chen is an elite, world-class martial artist.

For the past year Chen has been training twice a day, six days a week, performing hundreds

of kicks, punches and strikes in preparation for one of the largest tournaments in the world.

The broadcast journalism major trains in a style called wushu and is one of only 13 athletes who was set to represent America in the sixth annual World Wushu Championships in Yerevan, Armenia earlier this month.

But now all that training may be for naught.

Fearing a war in the Middle East region due to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the International Wushu Federation (IWuF), the governing body of the World's, has postponed the tournament until Nov. 1.

Cancellation is now a possibility with the United States and British attacks on Afghanistan, which is not far from Armenia. Teams from about 60 countries are now in limbo.

"When I heard about the postponement, I was upset," said Chen, who beat 70 other competitors in the forms division to get to the World's. "For any athlete to train so hard to get ready for this — I went to China to get ready for this — you just want to go and do it. I'm ready. I'm itching to compete."

"Yes, I agree [with the post-

ponement]," said Anthony Goh, president of the U.S. Wushu Kung Fu Federation. "I think it's the thing to do for the safety of the athletes and because of the uncertainty. The U.S. team and U.S. citizens are targets."

However, in Armenia, which is on Iran's north border, some officials oppose the decision.

In a letter to the IWuF, Tigran Chobanyan, chairman of the World's Organizing Committee in Armenia, said that the postponement may hinder the development of wushu throughout the world.

If it's not held as planned, it may never happen because any possible war may take years. Terrorists may take the delay as a sign of victory, tempting them to act again, Chobanyan wrote.

He also wrote that the postponement might influence whether the International Olympic Committee will recognize wushu as an official sport.

Wushu will be a trial sport at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

In fact, Chen was in China when Beijing was officially announced as the host for the 2008 Olympics.

Chen saw the announcement on TV with all the other students at the Shi Chai Hai Sports School — the same institution where action star Jet Li studied.

"You could feel the anxiety," Chen said. "Everyone wanted it

to be hosted in Beijing. Everyone knew that it was not only good for wushu athletes, but every person in China was excited."

Chen disagrees with those who opposed the communist nation hosting the Olympics.

"I think because of [the 2008 Olympics], China will become even more of a free-market society," Chen said. "China will improve."

For many years, communist China forbade the teaching of self-defense systems until it created wushu as its national sport in 1970 by taking various aspects from dozens of kung fu styles.

Because of this fact, there was confusion in America about the terms "wushu" and "kung fu."

The truth is wushu is a competitive sport emphasizing athleticism and performance, while kung fu is the term used to describe any Chinese fighting arts, such as Wing Chun or Northern Shaolin.

Essentially, Jet Li is to wushu as Jackie Chan is to kung fu.

"What you see in Jet Li movies is wushu," Chen said. "What you see in 'Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon' — minus the wirework and flying — that's wushu."

So with the fate of the World's undetermined, what will Chen do?

"I'm just going to maintain my training, not overdo it — and not get fat," Chen said with a laugh.

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